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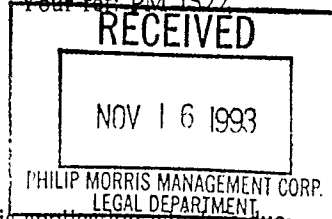
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Our ref: PAS/CS/33442

Your ref: PM 1522



Dear Charles,

Russian Patent Application No. 5052280.13

Your ref: PM 1522 - Our file: 33442

I attach a translation of an official action issued on this application which is due for reply before 10th December. I am afraid the Russian Agents have taken a very long time to translate and report this action.

The quality of translation is not high but, making some allowances for errors, I think that the revised claim 1 set out on page 2 of the translation is reasonably acceptable. I am presuming that in line 8 of the translated claim 1 it should read something like "relieving the pressure and subsequently heating the tobacco". The difficulty in the characterizing clause is that it does not specify when the condensation takes place.

I think it may be desirable to have the official action re-translated so that we are sure exactly what claims are proposed but I believe that claims in line with those in the European Application may prove acceptable.

I look forward to your early comments.

Yours sincerely,

P.A. Smith

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to proceed.
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